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Establishes and provides for the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority. (8/15/09)

The proposed legislation creates the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority within the Department of Education to provide funding, coordination, assistance, and oversight for the repair, renovation, and construction of public school facilities. The authority will be governed by a board of 7 commissioners. The members will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred while filling their duties. The authority is charged with collaborating with school boards to determine how best to meet their needs with regard to school facilities, reviewing applications from school boards for funding for school repairs, renovations, and construction; consulting with the Educational Facilities Authority Advisory Council to develop a formula mechanism through which to assess and prioritize applications for funding for local projects; establish design specifications for school facility repair; review and evaluate existing funding mechanisms to support the construction and or rehabilitation of schools in the state of Louisiana; and issue a report of its findings to the Legislature by December 2010. If the appropriate funds are available, the Authority may: 1) employ an (continued on pg. 2)

EXPENDITURES	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will likely result in a significant but indeterminable increase in expenditures. The participation by local school systems is voluntary, but if systems choose to participate they will be required to contribute local funds to the projects.

If the appropriate funds are available, the Authority may employ an executive director and may employ staff such as a financial director, a chief of architectural services, a liaison for local school systems, and any other necessary support staff to carry out the duties of the Authority. The estimated costs related to staffing are potentially significant, but dependent upon the level of staffing necessary to administer this entity.

The Authority may assess public school facilities statewide, consider applications for funding for repair or construction projects, and ensure that funds are allocated to school systems proportionately throughout the state based upon the BESE regions for the Regional Service Centers. It is anticipated that the scope of projects across the state will vary from district to district and the needs of the systems will be significant. The total funding required to meet the needs of each system cannot be determined. Implementation of the provisions of this legislation that require the expenditure of funds shall be subject to the availability of public or private funds, or both.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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executive director to manage and administer the daily functions of the authority; 2) employ necessary staff which may include a financial director, a chief of architectural services, a liaison for local school systems, and any other support staff to carry out the duties and functions of the authority; 3) conduct a statewide assessment of public school facilities; 4) review applications from school boards for funding for school repairs, renovations, and construction; 5) submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget the formula mechanism through which to assess and prioritize applications for funding for local projects; and 6) issue an annual report to the Legislature of the authority’s activity in the previous budget year.

The Authority may not fund any project at 100% of the cost, except on an emergency basis to repair school facilities damaged by natural occurrences.

The legislation also creates the Education Facilities Advisory Council comprised of 13 members. The council is required to provide advice and input to the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority.

Participation in any program implemented by the Authority by school boards is voluntary. Each school board will retain ownership of and control over any school facility where funding was obtained through the Authority for repairs or construction.

The Authority may, in addition to funds provided by the legislature, seek and accept gifts, grants, donations, including federal funds, from any available source. Implementation of the provisions of this legislation that require the expenditure of funds shall be subject to the availability of public or private funds, or both.

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